Promotion to the Posts of Assistant Accounts Officer in SECL

3489. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that all those Accountants in Coal India Limited and its subsidiary companies, who posses qualification of Intermemediate CIWA/CA are eligible for promotion to the post of Assistant Accounts Officer in E-I grade as per recently amended cadre scheme of CIL;

(b) whether it is also a fact that BCC Limited and CMPDI Limited, the subsidiaries of CIL have already implemented the said scheme but SECL, another subsidiary of CIL has not yet implemented the said scheme; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons for the delay and by when the said scheme is likely to be implemented in SECL and by when the eligible Accountants shall be promoted to grade E-I?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COAL IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI C. K. JAFFAR SHARIEF): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Panels have been formed in BCCL and CMPDIL. In the case of SECL, the Board of the Company had decided in May, 87 that, in the first instance, Accountants who had passed CA Inter/ICWA Inter and had minimum 3 years service should be considered for promotion to the post of Assistant Accounts Officer. The company is now preparing a panel of Accountants possessing these qualifications irrespective of the length of service. Once the panel is finalised, promotions will be made depending upon the availability of the vacancies. Eligible Accountants are expected to be promoted by June, 1988.

Transmission and Distribution System in Punjab

3490. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is an urgent need to improve the transmission and distribution system of power to meet the minimum needs of the consumers in the border areas of Punjab; and

(b) if so, what assistance has been sought by and provided to the State Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) and (b) The Punjab State Electricity Board has formulated a scheme at an estimated cost of Rs. 19 crores for strengthening the transmission and distribution systems in the district of Hoshiarpur, Amritsar and Bhatinda. These districts have been identified for the implementation of the 'Thrust Programme' for accelerating food grains production. The proposal has been taken up with the Planning Commission for providing these funds to Punjab, over and above the outlay of Rs. 115 crores recommended by the Planning Commission for transmission and distribution works during the year 1988-89.

Allocation of Power from Central Sector Projects

3491. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what formula is adopted for allocation of power from the Central Sector Projects;

(b) whether the Punjab Government has represented for modifications therein; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and what action has been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) The formulae adopted in regard to allocation of power from the Central Sector thermal and hydro-electric projects are as follows:

Central Sector Thermal Power Projects

(i) 15 per cent power is kept unallocated at the disposal of the Centre to meet the urgent requirements of individual States in the Region from time to time;

(ii) 10 per cent power is allocated to the "Home State" in which the power station is located.

(iii) The balance 75 per cent power is distributed amongst the beneficiary States in the Region, including the "Home State", in accordance with the energy consumption by, and the Central Plan assistance to, the States during the last five years. The needs of the Union Territories are also met by appropriate allocation.

CENTRAL SECTOR HYDRO-ELECTRIC POWER PROJECTS

(i) 15 per cent of the generation capacity should be kept as unallocated at the disposal of the Central Government to be distributed within the Region or outside, depending upon overall requirements;

(ii) The "Home State" *i.e.* where the project is located will be supplied 12 per cent of power from the energy generated by the power station, free of cost. The 'Energy generated' figures for the purpose will be calculated at the bus-bar level, *i.e.* after discounting the auxiliary consumption but without taking into account the transmission line losses; and

(iii) The remaining power (73 per cent) would be distributed between the States of the Region (including the "Home State") on the basis of Central assistance given to various States in the Region during the last five years and on the basis of consumption of electricity in the States in the Region in the last five years, the two factors being given equal weightage.

(b) and (c) The Punjab Government had proposed a modification of the formulae in regard to allocation of power from the Central Sector hydro-electric projects suggesting, *inter-alia*, greater weightage to power consumption in determining the allocation and the earmarking of a percentage share, on the basis of network of extra high voltage lines, which a particular State has to bear on its land for common supply.

The State Government was informed that the formulae was derived after prolonged deliberations with the State authorities concerned and it would not be advisable to reopen the matter which was in effect based on a consensus.

Power Projects in Punjab

3492. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the power projects presently in hand in Punjab;

(b) by when each of these is likely to be commissioned;

(c) which other projects are expected to be taken up during the current plan period;

(d) what is the State Government's plea for addditional assistance to complete the on-going projects and to start work on the new projects already approved; and

(e) what action has been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY